

Wayne W. Puls, 91 - 25/12

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Memorial contributions may be directed the Trinity Lutheran Church or the Grinnell Fire Department.

Wayne was born Sept. 29, 1920, on the family farm near Malcom, the son of Elmer Louis and Sylvia Mable Baustian Puls. He was raised in Malcom Township and attended rural school near his home. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during World War II.

On Oct. 13, 1942, he was united in marriage to Jean Slagle, in Lancaster, Mo. The couple lived in Grinnell where he was briefly employed at 7-Up Bottling before he opened Wayne's Auto Body and Paint Shop in 1952. He owned and operated the business for 40 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a 35 year member and past president of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department.

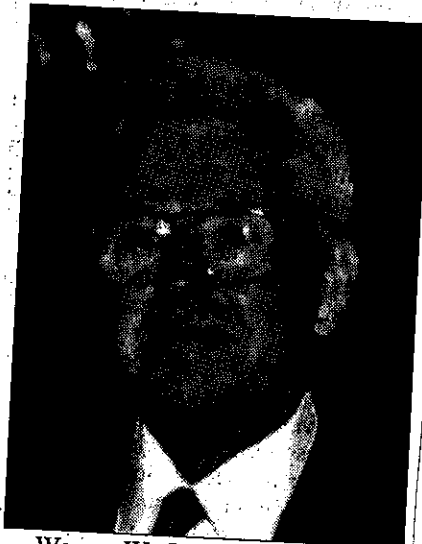
Wayne was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed attending his son's school activities and never missed any of their football games from junior high through college. He cherished his time with his grandchildren. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching baseball and football. He especially enjoyed attending Iowa Hawkeyes football games with his family.

Survivors include two sons, Greg (Jean) Puls of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Randy (Laurel) Puls of Fort Dodge; one sister, Ruth (Richard) Hasselbrink of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Dan Gibson, Matt, Megan and Eric Puls; and two great-grandchildren, Daylen and Tate Gibson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean, in 2008; two sisters, Theresa Schultz and Norma Griffin; and two brothers, Shirley and Robert Puls.



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Visitation with the family present will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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